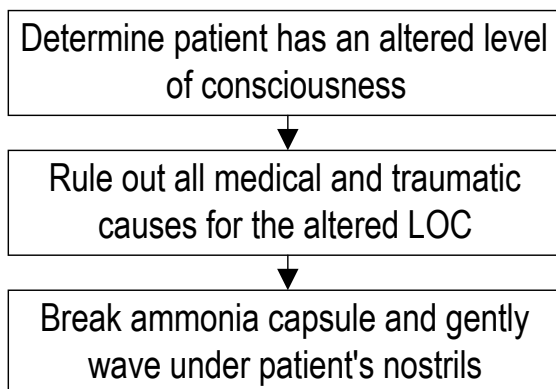


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
USE OF AMMONIA
INHALANTS**

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Purpose:		Indications:	
To aid in the arousal of a patient with an altered level of consciousness		Patient who presents with an altered level of consciousness after other physical causes have been ruled out	
Advantages:	Disadvantages:	Complications:	Contraindications:
Aids in the arousal of a patient with an altered level of consciousness	May further irritate patient	Irritation of patient's airway	Patient is alert and oriented Medical cause for the altered level of consciousness has been established



NOTES:

- Rule out all medical and traumatic causes for altered level of consciousness **before** using ammonia inhalants.
- DO NOT insert ammonia inhalants into any orifice or place under oxygen mask.